

Commercial Telegraphers strike occurred, nothing more, nothing else. Telegraphers at Junction points are requested to furnish copies of this message to other lines.

Strikers here contend that this message itself is a fake, but it comes with the personal verification of a man who stands for the authenticity of the message. The manager in the railway service also represents the Western Union. Superintendent Maxwell was advised yesterday that the operators at Statesville and High Point, in North Carolina, had struck and closed the offices, and were being on duty there. The more important point to remember, however, is that the business of the railroads has not suffered.

Last night Superintendent Maxwell, of the Western Union, received a message from General Superintendent Leitch authorizing him to offer a reward of \$150 for the arrest and conviction of any person interfering with wires or otherwise attempting to destroy the company's property. This offer stands over the entire Western Union territory. If the policy maintained in Richmond is adopted generally by the operators there is no real danger of calling the officers of the law.

#### STATEMENTS MADE BY SUPERINTENDENTS HERE

In the telegraph offices last night business was being dispatched with a rush, and outside little groups of strikers were congregated in the streets, waiting developments of one kind or another. Some attempt has been made to have it appear that the Western Union is depending almost entirely on women. Three of them were on duty last night, but they are expected to be replaced by men today. The strikers were humming and by mid-night the bulk of the business had been cleared. A great deal of it has been accumulating, however, and there is more or less delay in reaching points more seriously affected than Richmond.

Even with this condition, Superintendent Maxwell took an optimistic view of the situation, and yesterday he sent three of his best men to other



This is where we've considered the little things—handkerchiefs, cravats, hose collars, belts, suspenders. These things you may not be able to buy handy when on your vacation.

All displayed on a special counter, and many at about half the usual prices.

Manhattan fancy shirts at \$1.15 for the \$1.50 grade. \$1.45 for the \$2.00 grades—and \$1.85 for grades up to \$3.50!

And a fine suit to top it off with at a third to a half off the price!

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The six men who walked out of the Postal office at 7 o'clock in the evening were:

W. J. Scott, G. W. Slate, J. F. Kinney, J. T. Ruffner, B. C. Keenle, and C. H. Daugherty.

importance of acting properly at all times. "Don't let a man point his finger at you," he said, "and hold you up to the public gaze as a disorderly telegraph operator. The night the crowds congregated in front of the telegraph buildings, and two police officers were sent there, with instructions to run away from the crowd, and any breach of the peace. The officers, however, were not needed.

#### PATHEtic SIDE OF STRIKE

The pathetic side of the telegraph strike does not reach the public, but to the men who have remained on duty, working double shifts and overtime to help a suffering public, the thing comes home with peculiar force. Hundreds of messages calling fathers, husbands,

and that to-day, when he was an expert operator, he was receiving a salary of \$2.50.

In the report of the Bureau of Statistics, issued by the United States government in 1899, which is the latest report of the kind published, it is shown that in 1897 the average toll per message was 42 cents. The average cost of handling was 27.5 cents, making a net profit of 14.5 cents. The average toll per message was 31.6 cents. The average cost of handling was 27.5 cents, making a net profit of 4.1 cents. These are the figures published by the Federal government.

## ONLY THREE OUT AT LYNCHBURG

Local Manager of Western Union Says Office Is Not Affected.

LYNCHBURG, Va., August 13.—At noon to-day three operators in the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company left their keys and joined the strikers. This leaves ten men, including the repeater men, at work in the office.

Manager Oakley stated this afternoon that the striking men, one of whom was a repeater man, would not affect the office and that business, as far as can be handled to other affected districts, would be transmitted as if nothing had occurred in the office. These men, it was pointed out yesterday, were expected to go out yesterday, and the management of the office was not surprised when they deserted their keys at noon to-day and walked out of the office.

At the office of the Postal Manager, Cheatham stated that no trouble is expected. There is, however, one union man in the employ of the company, and should he elect to join the strikers, it will not cripple the office, double up and hand out the business offered to the company.

#### SITUATION IN NORFOLK.

Western Union and Postal Operators

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., August 13.—Western Union and Postal operators to the number of twenty-two struck to-day. O'clock to-day is claimed by the two companies jointly that they will have as many as ten men at work to-morrow, and that they will keep the local office moving business with fair dispatch. Fifteen men are out in the Western Union office and ten in the Postal office.

The strikers claim that the companies will be unable to handle the business with the operators who have remained on duty. Managers and chiefs, night and day, will work at the keys. Jamestown Exposition operators, with the exception of one lady, will strike to-morrow.

#### Only Manager Is Left.

ROANOKE, Va., August 13.—All Western Union operators walked out to-day, leaving only the manager in the office. It is said that Norfolk and Western operators are resigning, but refuse to go out.

All Out at Bristol. BRISTOL, TENN., August 13.—All Western Union operators here walked out at 4:25.

## WAS HURLED OVER FENCE

Young Woman in Runaway Accident Has Narrow Escape from Death.

While out driving at half-past 6 o'clock yesterday evening, a young woman giving her name as Mrs. Crawley, of No. 211 East Broad Street, in the victim of a runaway accident, in which her horse was badly hurt, and that it had to be shot, and she escaped death by a narrow margin.

Mrs. Crawley had just gotten her horse, a handsome gray animal, from the stables, and was driving up Grace Street, when the beast became frightened and started to run. Mrs. Crawley pulled and saved on the reins, but the horse only became more unmanageable, and a block further on he began to run at full speed. In the road ahead were a lot of children playing, and the young woman, afraid that some of them would be run over, was round the corner, in a heap, to the grassy lot of Mr. Corbin W. Mercer, No. 501 West Grace Street.

Mrs. Crawley was hurled headlong over the fence, alighting in a heap of the grass. Mr. Mercer ran to her assistance, and took her into his house. A physician examined Mrs. Crawley and found her to be uninjured, save for a few scratches and bruises.

The horse's leg was broken and his left shoulder shattered. The animal was taken to a nearby stable, and there shot by Mr. Emmett Taylor, agent for the S. P. C. A.

#### ISLAND REPORTED SUNK BY SEISMIC WAVE.

HONOLULU, August 12.—The captain of the schooner Luke C. Olsen, returning to-day from a cruise to Laysan Island, reported that the island was unable to find the island, and that it was believed to have been sunk by a seismic wave.

It is thought that the island sank because of seismic disturbance. It was inhabited by about 100 natives, and a number of Japanese laborers. The government has already sent a search party.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; moderate temperatures; light northwesterly winds. North Carolina—Showers Wednesday and Thursday; light, variable winds.

#### CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was hot, with showers. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M. . . . . 81 6 P. M. . . . . 86 12 M. . . . . 81 2 P. M. . . . . 82 3 P. M. . . . . 80 12 midnight . . . . . 74 Average . . . . . 84 1-2.

Highest temperature yesterday . . . . . 93 Lowest temperature yesterday . . . . . 65 Mean temperature yesterday . . . . . 81 Normal temperature yesterday . . . . . 78 Departure from normal temperature . . . . . 3.

#### THERMOMETER THIS DAY LAST.

9 A. M. . . . . 78 6 P. M. . . . . 82 12 M. . . . . 81 2 P. M. . . . . 82 3 P. M. . . . . 80 12 midnight . . . . . 75 Average . . . . . 80.

#### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place. Ther. H.T. Weather. Asheville, N. C. . . . . 74 Rain. Augusta, Ga. . . . . 82 Rain. Atlanta, Ga. . . . . 82 Cloudy. Buffalo, N. Y. . . . . 66 Clear. Chicago, Ill. . . . . 76 Clear. Cincinnati, O. . . . . 76 Clear. Detroit, Mich. . . . . 76 Clear. Hatteras, N. C. . . . . 76 Clear. Jacksonville, Fla. . . . . 76 Rain. Kansas City, Mo. . . . . 76 Rain. New Orleans, La. . . . . 76 Rain. Oklahoma City, Okla. . . . . 81 Cloudy. Pittsburg, Pa. . . . . 76 Rain. Raleigh, N. C. . . . . 76 Rain. Norfolk, Va. . . . . 76 Rain. Tampa, Fla. . . . . 76 Cloudy. Washington, D. C. . . . . 76 Rain. Wilmington, Del. . . . . 76 Rain. Yellowstone, Wyo. . . . . 80 Clear.

## ADMITS MURDER, KILLS HIMSELF

Marseilles Trunk Mystery Is Fully Cleared Up by Confessions.

## TELL ALL GHASTLY DETAILS

Englishman Who Slew Emma Levin Afterwards Ends Life in Cell.

LONDON, August 12.—In a dispatch from Marseilles, a correspondent of the Telegraph says that Vere St. Ledger Gould, the confessed murderer of Emma Levin, has hanged himself in prison.

MARSEILLES, August 12.—Vere St. Ledger Gould confessed here to-day that he was the murderer of Emma Levin, a wealthy Swedish woman, whose dead body was found in the trunk of Mr. Gould and his wife upon their arrival here August 6 from Monaco. This "trunk mystery" created much excitement, especially as the Englishman, who was a member of the English, were of good family.

Their explanations of how the corpse came to be in their baggage were incoherent and confusing, and the confession of to-day does not come as a surprise.

Gould made his confession to the examining magistrate. He told coolly all the details of the horrible crime. He alone had slain the woman, he declared, and it was he who cut up her body, although his wife had helped him pack it away in his baggage. After this had been done, they both agreed to journey to Marseilles, where they planned to cast the body into the sea.

Mrs. Gould, whose first name is Violet, also confessed her part in the crime. She said her husband had promised to give Emma Levin the sum of \$100 for a certain reason, but she demanded \$100 more, which she wanted to give to her friends.

To this Mrs. Gould objected, and said he would not pay the extra hundred dollars. Thereupon Emma Levin threatened to tell the police what happened next, Gould said in his confession.

He had been drinking, and becoming angry, he seized a hunting knife and buried it in Emma's back. She fell dead. The next day it dismembered the body with a saw and a knife and placed the torso in a trunk and the head and legs in a valise. I only stabbed the woman once. The other wounds were made by shaking around in the trunk.

## DECLINE PROFFER OF ARBITRATION

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Telephone offices this afternoon that telephone calls had increased possibly 50 per cent. since the strike was inaugurated.

#### Messengers on Strike.

CLEVELAND, O., August 13.—Some of the messengers employed by the Western Union and Postal Companies here struck to-day. They demanded higher wages and shorter hours.

#### Messengers Go Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 13.—Part of the messenger forces of both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices here to-day went on strike in sympathy with the telegraph operators who are out. Groups of the boys were seen this morning chasing and making threats against those who remained at work.

#### Quit in Boston.

BOSTON, MASS., August 13.—At a signal 35 operators of the Postal Telegraph office here quit work to-day. The strikers comprised about one-half of the regular force. The Western Union operators went out at noon.

#### Great Western Men Quit.

TORONTO, ONT., August 13.—About fifty Great Western operators here walked out to-day in sympathy with the telegraphers in the United States.

#### Salisbury Cut Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALISBURY, N. C., August 12.—The Salisbury office of the Western Union Telegraph Company was cut off from the outside world last night by the large relay points, which were being struck by the general strike of telegraphers throughout the country. The operators remained to-day on duty as usual, but refused all business.

#### Nonunion Men Yield.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 12.—The four operators in the Western Union office quit work to-night and joined the strikers shortly after 7 o'clock. Only four men are considered, two union and two nonunion. The manager, H. O. Bunniser, remains at work. There have been no reports yet from the Postal office where there are no union men.

#### Out at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 12.—A sympathetic strike of nearly 500 Western Union and Postal messengers caused more confusion to-day than the strike of the telegraphers. The messengers furnished the first arrest, Jacob Bolton, a postal messenger, insisted on leading a wild, cheering crowd of boys along Oliver Avenue, and he was taken into custody.

#### ASK PRESIDENT TO SETTLE IT

Directors of Chicago Board of Trade Appeal to Him to Act.

CHICAGO, August 13.—The directors of the Chicago Board of Trade to-day authorized the president of the board to appeal to President Roosevelt to use his personal influence toward effecting a settlement of the telegraphers' strike.

President Sager sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay:

"The business of this great country which is suffering such serious loss to the extent of millions of dollars each day on account of the deadlock between the telegraph companies and their employees demands an immediate settlement of the differences at issue, so that a national catastrophe may be averted. In this great emergency we look to the Chief Executive of this country to take personal hand."

#### REASSURES RAILROAD MEN.

Secretary Quick Orders Operators to Stay at Work.

DES MOINES, IOWA, August 13.—Grand Secretary Quick, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, has notified the railroad operators belonging to the union that any message purporting to have been signed by him sent over the railroad wires is a fake. He told them to observe strictly the agreement with the railroad companies, that they should perform the same work that they did before the commercial telegraphers' strike; nothing more, nothing less.

## MAY IMPRISON HEADS OF TRUSTS

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dent or directing spirit of that corporation can be innocent." If the efforts of the department reveal that the existing laws are insufficient to reach the directing spirits of corporations, President Roosevelt will, it is learned, ask Congress for supplementary laws that will enable the government to prosecute criminally and convict, if possible, the men who direct the policies of corporations that evade and violate the laws of the land.

#### Is Out Trust-Hunting.

The Attorney-General laughingly says there is a pretty big covey of game, and that it would be a poor marksman who could not land a bird or two when he once got started. That start is now being made, and the bird dogs are in the field nosing around to see what they can discover.

Mr. Monahan continues to remain silent as to what his intentions are as to E. H. Harriman and the Alton deal. The department has taken legal steps to make Mr. Harriman answer questions put to him on the witness stand some time ago. When these proceedings are concluded the department will know what it intends to do. The answers that Harriman makes cannot be used against him in criminal prosecution, but they can do much toward furnishing tips for the government to secure information upon it. It is at present simply a question of securing sufficient evidence for an indictment against Harriman, possibly against John D. Rockefeller.

#### Alton Road Immune.

After a long delay had been the Standard Oil \$2,245,000 for accepting rebates from the Chicago and Alton road, he directed the officers of his rebates to begin proceedings against the Alton for granting the rebates. Under the Elkins law both are equally guilty. It now develops that Attorney-General Taft has asked Judge Landis that the Department of Justice grant immunity to the Chicago and Alton, and that the government cannot proceed against that road.

The agreement to grant immunity was made by Frank Morrison, special attorney for the government in the Standard Oil case. Attorney-General Moody, now a member of the Supreme Court bench, ratified the agreement, which was made with the understanding that the Chicago and Alton authorities would furnish the ammunition with which to blow the Standard out of water, none of the ammunition should be used against that road.

## SECRETARY TAFT SEES PRESIDENT

Cabinet Officer Says Nothing but Routine Official Business Is Discussed.

NEW YORK, August 13.—Returning from Oyster Bay, where he went this morning, Secretary Taft reached Jersey City at midnight, and left a half-hour later over the Pennsylvania Railroad for Washington.

At the station the Secretary said that there was nothing of public interest in the matters he discussed with the President at Sagamore Hill to-day. His visit had been merely to talk over with the President certain things which had come before him in his official capacity.

#### OYSTER BAY August 12.—Secretary

Taft remarked as he arrived here to-day on the noon train that he had three main topics for discussion with President Roosevelt, as well as one month's business in arrears to go over. "I don't know what we will consider," he continued, "and as a matter of fact I don't see how we can get through with the future business of matters before it is necessary for me to return to Washington to-night."

#### JUST IN TIME.

Dr. Strope Saves Little Colored Girl from Bleeding to Death.

But for the prompt arrival of Dr. Strope, the city child, Edna Robinson, a six-year-old colored girl, living at No. 709 North Ninth Street, would have been a corpse.

#### DEATHS.

VINSON.—Died at the Virginia Hospital Saturday night at 9 o'clock, SUSIE D. VINSON, wife of G. E. Vinson. She is survived by her husband and one little darling baby, eleven months old, and father and mother, three sisters and two brothers to mourn her loss. Her remains were taken to Goldsboro, N. C., Monday morning at 1:15 o'clock.

One darling place is vacant in our home. She is gone, but not forgotten. (Goldsboro paper please copy.)

blegate death yesterday from a long walk in her arm.

The girl was playing ball, when she fell through a window and badly cut herself.

#### Saved Fingers On.

William Johnson, of No. 568 Arch Street, was diligently engaged in sawing wood yesterday afternoon, and was getting on at a fine rate when he sawed off three of his fingers. Dr. Strope of thirty minutes, sawed them back again.

#### TWENTY-ACRE TWINE PLANT BEING DESTROYED BY FIRE

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 13.—The plant of the International Flax Twine Company, at Hazel Park, a suburb of this city, is being completely destroyed. The plant covers twenty acres.

#### OBITUARY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLACKSBURG, Va., August 12.—Mrs. Lucinda Long, wife of Mr. James Long, died at her home near Long Sheds, six miles from Blacksburg, Friday night. Her death was very sudden. She was fifty-six years of age, and is survived by her husband and five grown children, one son being a resident of Hagerstown, Md., and the others living near the neighborhood.

#### (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, Va., August 12.—Gordon A. Cramer, son of the late J. C. Cramer, died at his home near Blacksburg Sunday morning, in the thirty-sixth year of his age. Young Cramer was a member of the local militia at work in Roanoke, and had been desperately ill since his return several weeks ago. The funeral service was held at the Blacksburg Methodist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hoss and the Rev. E. J. Kimm. The Odd-Fellows, of which the deceased was a member, attended the burial in a body, and a beautiful ritual of that order for such occasions. A peculiarly sad feature of Mr. Cramer's death was that he expected to be married in a few days to a young lady of the community, William H. Greenwell.

#### (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., August 13.—William H. Greenwell, one of the oldest public school teachers in point of service, died suddenly to-night at his home. He was about sixty years of age. Besides his widow he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Robert F. Downham and Miss Lottie Greenwell, both of this city.

#### Miss Ella Dabney.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., August 13.—Miss Ella Dabney, of Gloucester county, died to-day of heart disease, near the University of Virginia. She was a relative of Prof. Richard Heath Dabney, her some, being a nephew, a son of "Elmington," the birthplace of Virgilina Dabney, the author of "Don MHI."

#### Miss Elvora Bowen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., August 12.—Miss Elvora Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowen, of this city, died Saturday night at the home of W. W. Brooks, in Richmond county, of consumption, aged twenty-three years. Mrs. Bowen left here only a few days ago with her mother for a visit to friends in Richmond county. She is survived by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

#### Mrs. Sarah E. Hicks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., August 13.—Mrs. Sarah E. Hicks, of this city, died at her home here this evening, aged sixty-eight years. Two sons and one daughter survive her.

#### Edward Berkhimer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, Va., August 13.—Edward Berkhimer, a well-known resident of the county, died suddenly at his home at Keystone last night, aged about eighty years. His widow, eight daughters and two sons survive him.

#### Mrs. Sterling Bolling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) POWHATAN, C. H., Va., August 13.—Mrs. Diana Bolling, wife of Mr. Sterling Bolling, died suddenly at her residence here yesterday morning. She had been in bad health for some time.

#### (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., August 13.—Alexander H. Greenwell, for many years vice-principal of the Washington High School here, died suddenly this morning at his home on Washington Street. He was sixty years old.

#### LOOK AHEAD

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## WHAT OFFICIALS HERE SAY ABOUT STRIKE SITUATION

#### SUPERINTENDENT MAXWELL, OF WESTERN UNION.

"The situation at this moment is really better than yesterday, for we have cleared up much of the accumulated business, and are handling commercial messages and the usual amount of press matter with a degree of promptness that is encouraging. The general condition to-day (Tuesday) has been much better than yesterday. The situation in the far South and West is still bad, but is improving rapidly."

#### SUPERINTENDENT RIBBLE, OF POSTAL.

"With the exception of Charlotte, N. C., and Richmond, none of the offices in my district have been directly affected by the strike. At Richmond six men have gone out, but we will have an ample force by to-morrow to meet our needs. The general condition to-day (Tuesday) has been much better than yesterday. The situation in the far South and West is still bad, but is improving rapidly."

#### LEADER OF MOVEMENT HERE

Mr. C. S. Hervey, in charge of the strike of the Commercial Telegraphers in Richmond, said last night:

"We must expect that the public, who will suffer the greatest loss in consequence of the issues joined between the corporations and the telegraphers, will have to wait through the details of the grievances of the operators, but the situation can be so briefly summarized that the public can have no excuse for lack of understanding."

"Colonel Clowry, of the Western Union, says that the telegraphers have no grievances."

"We challenge him to meet us before an impartial arbitration jury, and if we fail to establish the fact that we are underpaid, that we are working for less salary every time we change our location; that we are compelled to submit to corporation private rules, which are impossible of observance on account of the inadequate salaries paid to us, then we will go back to work under the conditions against which we now rebel."

"But Colonel Clowry and Mr. Mackay dare not swap facts with the telegraphers before a jury of arbitration."

"The foolish claims of the telegraph officials that they are experiencing no difficulty on account of the strike need only be answered by the statement that 50 per cent. of them are on strike. It follows, then, that the telegraph companies are accomplishing with 10 per cent. of a force, which was already working at double time, a service which they claim the public to believe is unhampered by the strike."

"Positively no local issues are involved."

"We will conduct our struggle with the best intelligence and manhood at our command, backed by the union support of all other labor organizations, financially and morally."